Population Growth of Delhi

1399. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken various measures to arrest the population growth of Delhi: and

(b) if so, what are the details of such measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have constituted NCR Planning Board for evolving plans and programmes for :

(i) dccongesting and reducing population pressure of Delhi, and

(ii) achieving a balanced and harmonised development in the National Capital Region.

The Plans and programmes for decongesting Delhi include:

—development of new townships

—shifting of Government and Public Sector offices

—shifting of industries

—restrictions on setting up of large and medium scale industries.

-restrictions on establishment of new industrial estates.

—enhancement of rates of Sales-Tax to encourage dispersal of trade and business establishments.

Violation of Master Plan

1400. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Indian Express dated 5thApril, 1993 regarding violation of Master Plan by the Ministry of Urban Development itself; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item is misconceived and is not based on true position of law and facts. The Government had verified all the facts/legal position before issuing directions to the DDA under Section 41(3) of DDA Act, 1957.

Reconstruction of Damaged Houses/ Dwellings in Karnataka

1401. SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD :
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has submitted a project proposal to the Central Government for reconstruction of more than 56,000 houses/dwellings damaged in last year's flash floods, ^seeking financial aid from HUDCO and if so, the action taken thereon; and